COUNTY SUSPECTS ARE BROUGHT HERE

Joe and Isham Taylor Arrested for Powhatan Murder and Arson.

STOLEN PROPERTY FOUND ON PLACE

Five Others Are Arrested as Witnesses-Bloody Axe Uncovers Story of Killing of Mrs. Skipwith and Waiter Johnson, and Eurning of House.

VERT suspicion that "Northeast," in Powhatan county, was robbed and burney, and that Mrs. E. Skipwith and Wajter G. Johnits two occupants, were murdere of much of the household prop-

agistrate J. i. Crump, and all houses no conceand places on the Skipwith arm and the neares of negroes living counting territory were

Robbid House Before Fire.

laylor, whose home was only varies from the rulned pile of spwith home, and who stated the coroner's inquest that he t in his night clothes when he chouse after late at night, was I on the spot when chinaware ng to Mrs. Skin. etc. 1, 200

by. Had some one seen the fire in to remove the property, he would have had time to warn the oc-nts and bring them out to safety.

the dead man (evidently stolen e frame), crockery, a barrel rand two revolvers belonging Johnson, hidden in the smoke-outside. A 200-pound carnes est, content to the stolengt of the sections. house outside. A 200-pound carpen-ter's chest, containing tools and silver spoons, evidently placed there by the thieves, was found in a stable 400 yards

burglars by coming back unexpectally and was brained or shot as he entered

Welcoming Craisers Golag to Meet
Battleship Fleet.
OLD POINT COMFORT, VA. February 16. The armored cruisers North
Carolina and Montana, which conveyed President Elect Taft and his party of ongineers to the Istimus of Panama, and which will form a part of the welcoming squadron to the returning Fattleship fleet, put in here to-day, anchoring far out in the roadstead The two big fighting ships began coalling at once. Their bunkers will be filled by to-morrow afternoon, and they will said at once to join the incoming armada. A fast run almost due cast should bring the fleet cruisers in touch with the combined forces of Armirals Sperry and Arnold by Friday ovening, and they will participate in any manoeuvres that may occur after that time.

The tiny little dispatch boat Vante.

The tiny little dispatch boat, Yank-on, which valiantly has fought her ay around the world in company with w shead of the fleet, from port to ort, is due in Hampton Roads to-lorrow.

Morrow.

The storms and high wosterly winds of the past two days may have held the little yacht back, for her engines are not very powerful, and nine knots an hour is good speed for the little vessel. The Yankton will be the flest of the home-coming ships to renew acqualatance with the waters of Hampton Roads, and her arrival is looked forward to as one of the distinct achievements of the flest.

linke its place denoting second in command. The arrangement will make Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder, commanding the second squadron under Sperry, third in command in company with Rear Admirals Wainwright and Fotter, he flying an ensign of white with the two stars of his grade marked in blue. Arnold's salue to Admiral Sperry will be returned gun for gun, and then signals flying from the halyards of the Connecticut will show the escorting ships the position they are to occupy during the remainder of the home-making voyage.

TALK OF THE TARIFF

Many of Varying Views Join in General Discussion.

INDIANAPOLIS. IND. February 16.—Men of opposing political parties and whose views on the construction of tariff differed as widely as the tenets of their parties, sat side by side as of their parties, sat side by side as delegates and joined in tumultuous applause to-day as speaker after speaker in the first National Tariff Commission Convention vigorously denounced the present tariff and the method of its construction.

That the present tariff system has been outgrown, and that the United States lingers decades behind the scientific methods of European countries was repeated almost as often as a new speaker addressed the delegates. That the prompt establishment of a non-partisan tariff commission was the only remedy for present conditions was repeated as often.

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Take It Out of Politics.

J. W. Van Cleave, of St. Louis, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, who was made the permanent chairman of the gathering, aroused the first enthusiasm by asserting that the tariff must be taken out of partisan politics, and Congressman Powier, of New Jersey, who is sponsor for the Beverldge commission, but now before Congress, caused a demonstration when he asserted that the tariff must cease to be the football of political parties.

Former Governor Guild, of Massa-

Not Believed Statchood Bill Will Get Through at This Session. WASHINGTON, D. C., February 16.— The New Mexico and Arizona statehood

Further search revealed an old portait of Mrs. Skipwith and a mirror, both hidden under a pile of feed. All the property was identified by Mrs. Johnson. The most conclusive evidence that murder was committed was the finding of a blood-bespattered axe in one of the tenants' houses. The officers are in possession of further evidence tending to show the guilt of the men arrested, but are not yet in position to disclose it. It is believed that they are now searching for others supposed to be connected with the crime.

The whole county is stirred over the tragedy, and the authorities deemed it wiser to bring the two principals to Richmond, for they knew not at what lime an outbreak might be expected. and the county jall would hardly withstand a prolonged slege.

Theories as to Crime.

The most general theory concerning the time and manner of the number and arson, is that the house was being robbed while Mr. Johnson was away with his wife, that he surprised the burglars by coming back unexpect-bilty, and was brained or shot as he entered

COAL MEN COMPLAIN

the house.

Mrs. Skipwith may have been murdered before the robbers began their looting, or she may have been killed coming downstairs on hearing the gounds of scuffling. Neither had a chance for life, though Mr. Johnson was a man of tremendous size and powerful strength.

He left home at midday to escort his wife to a dance about a mile and a half away, and must have returned about 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon Before going, Joe Taylor says that Johnson gave him his keys to the stable, and that he asked for them when he returned, saying that he wanted to feed the stock. Then, according to Taylor, he said he was going into the house to put on a clean collar. But Johnson was killed when he entered the house, and the prohability is that he was killed early in the evening.

Knew She Was Away.

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coasts, instead of three or four great the great commercial establishment. He work through many navy yards.

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which Mr. Dixon read was "full of lies."

"Whether or not it is full of lies."
replied Mr. Dixon, "is just what I am endeavoring to find out." He referred to a statement in the magazine to the effect that the improvement at the Charleston (S. C.) yard was advised against by the experts, but when Mr. Tillman said this was not the case he expressed himself as satisfied.

Mr. Dixon insisted that the Naval and to the reduction and the Senate should be sufficiently and Florida. The two 21,006-ton Dreadnoughts" now being constructed. The amendment insking the type of ships to be built similar to the Utah and Florida. The two 21,006-ton Dreadnoughts" now being constructed. The amendment insking the type of ships to be built similar to the Utah and Florida. The two 21,006-ton Dreadnoughts" now being constructed. The amendment insking the type of ships to be built similar to the Utah and Florida. The two 21,006-ton Dreadnoughts" now being constructed. The amendment limited to the Utah and Florida. The two 21,006-ton Dreadnoughts now being constructed. When the ships exclusive of armor or armament, to 44,500,00 each.

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Mr. Dixon was again reading from
the magazine from which he had
quoted, when Senator Illiman Interrupted to say that if he was "going
to bring muck-raking into the Senate"
the bill would be there a long time.
"If this is the only muck-raking
brought into the Senate it would interfere very little with the dispatch
of work," retorted Mr. Dixon.

Mr. Tillman returned to the subject

"If I am mistaken," Mr. Tillman re-plied, "then I bag the "

"If I am mistaken, Mr. Himan Fe-plied, "then I beg the Senator's par-don. But there are some people who think nothing is good if it is in the South. The President himself realizes this condition, and has in his speeches appealed for a different treatment for that section."

articles whether we do or not."

Senator McEnery, of Louislana, declared that hostility in the Navy Department against the navy, yard of Louislana prevented any ship from being sent there for repairs. "They absolutely refuse," he said, "to make improvements and repairs in that yard, and yet they send small boats from the South Atlantic coast to Northern yards for repairs."

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There was, he said, a usurpation of authority in the Navy Department, so that even when Congress makes appropriations for certain yards the department withholds the money and declines to make the improvements.

Mr. Dixon declared in reply to state-ments made by other Senators that he was not fillbustering against the naval bill. "What is he fillbustering against?" asked Mr. Flint in an under-

"The Senator from Montana is not fillbustering at all," replied Mr. Dixon

"Here is a bill carrying \$138,000,000, and we have had one day to consider it." said Mr. Dixon. "Has it reached a point in this Senate that a Senator has not a right to ask questions about a bill carrying so much money?"

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Mr. Dixon declared that "we do not know where we are drifting in making these appropriations. God knows." he said, "there ought to be some plan somewhere to put a check on this geometric appropriation, especially when we are confronted by a deficit of \$150,000,000."

ACT IS SIGNIFICANT

RICHMOND, VA., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1909.

ACT IS SIGNIFICANT BOOSEVEL

FOR NAVY YARDS

Senate Thinks One-Half of Fleet Should Be Kept in Pacific.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 16.—That one-half of the United Lates Navy should be kept on the Pacific coast at all times is the opinion of the Senate, as expressed to-night in the adoption of an amendment to the Lay appropriation bill. The provision is as follows:

"That there shall be kept, in the discretion of the President, so far as practicative, one-half of the navy on the Pacific coast at all times."

The adoption of this amendment amounts only to an expression of the Pacific coast and times. The adoption of this amendment amounts only to an expression of the Pacific coast is all times. The adoption of this provision is accepted by the Holise, in favor of such a division of fighting ships, as the President finst this authority under the existing law At the same time the adoption of this provision Mr. Fulton declared that there are great futerests on the Pacific coast which need protection, and that there are great futerests on the Pacific coast. At the suggestion of Mr. Hals the provision was amended as the suggestion of Mr. Balcon, of Montana, was the first to take the floor, and he continued his strictures on the plan of having many yards along the Atlantic and guit coasts, instead of three or four great coasts, instead of three or four great in the luited States, except in the event state.

navy." "It is." he continued, "easier to sit on a mountain peak out in Idaho and read magazine criticisms of the navy than to run line navy." He declared that a magazine article from which Mr. Dixon read was "full of lies." "Whether or not it is full of lies." "Whether or not it is full of lies." replied Mr. Dixon, "is just what I am endeavoring to find out." He referred to a statement in the magazine to the effect that the improvement at the Charleston (S. C.).

ments relating to the Marine Corps and to the reduction of the size of the two battleships authorized by the for further discussion and vote

FEARED 180 ARE DEAD

ON HIS WAY HOME

s. a "clique in the Navy Department who wanted to break up the Charleston anay yard."

"I am not speaking in the interest of any navy yard," said Mr. Dixon, "I am only speaking in favor of consolidation."

People Belleve Charges,
"If I stood indicted in this article," said Senator Dixon, referring to the magazine criticism, "I would answer it. I think that it is a matter of self-respect that the Senate and Congress and the administration should answer these charges, which are made openly. The people of the country believe these articles whether we do or not."

Senator McEnery, of Leville 10 Daniel Guggenheim Is Now En Route to New York.

LAREDO, TEXAS, February 16.—Daniel Guggenheim, president of the tamerican meeting and Refining Company, and who recently left Aguas a collection."

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Broken Rail Causes Fatal Wreck on Hilinois Central.

MURPHYSBORO, ILL. February 16.

—Illinois Central train No. 205, bound from St. Louis to New Orleans, was wrecked six miles east of here to des

injured.

The dead: Mrs. Perry. Carbondale; Sheriff Alden and Mrs. Alden, of Union county, Ill.; — Brinkley, Carbondale.

The train was a local. The accident was caused by a broken rail. The engine and express car passed over safely, but the remaining four cars turned over.

COMPULSORY WIRELESS

Francis Would Have It Placed on St.
Louis Exposition Grounds.
WASHINGTON D. C. February 16.—
Claiming that there is no suitable memorial of Thomas Jefferson within the boundaries of the original Louisiana Purchase. David R. Francis, president of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company, appeared before the House Committee on Appropriations to-day to urge a provision in the sundry eivil appropriation bill by which the government would relinquish its claims to moneys in the treasury of the exposition company. This request is based House Passes Bill Requiring Apparatus on Steamships.
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 16.—
The Burke bill, requiring, all oceangoing steamships carrying fifty or
more passengers to be equipped with
witeless telegraph annualities. on company. This request is base, con the condition that the exposition ompany erect a statue of Jefferson of the grounds which were occupied by

FOR JEFFERSON STATUE

the exposition at a cost of about \$200,

His Joking Familiarity Dis-

pels Rumors of Growing

Coldness to Each Other.

Taft Regards Knox Incident as

Closed and Declares Emphati-

CONFERENCE IS HELD

a dynamite bomb in the other, a man apparently about forty years of age to-day entered the home of Lawrence M. Jones, president of the Jones Brothers Dry Goods Company, of this city, and denianded \$7.000. By a ruse Mr. Jones overpowered the man, who was arrested. The bomb-thrower gave the name of C. H. Garnett.

Confronting Mr. Jones with a revolver, the man drew from his overcoat a dynamite bomb and explained that unless Mr. Jones gave him \$7.000 he would immediately blow him into atoms. Mrs. Jones entered the Hbrary at this point. The intruder ordered her to be seated. The conversation was resumed. Chester I. Jones, secretary of the Jones Company, a son, followed his mother, and ne, too, was ordered to be seated.

Mr. Jones then suggested that as he AT THE WHITE HOUSE

cally That Pennsylvanian
Will Be His Premier—Nothing Further Given Out as to His Cabinet,

WASHINGTON, D. C. February 16
—In the opinion of President-Elect Taft, Philander C. Knox is now legally eligible to receive the appointment of Secretary of State. That he will be the premier in the Taft Cabinet was again positively stated by Mr. Taft to-night at the White House, the statement being made after two conferences to-day between the President-elect and Mr. Knox. Mr. Taft went palecks and a number of long chains further and gave it as his opinion that attached to the wall. Garnett had first and ar. Knox. ar. last went panocks and a number of long chains further and gave it as his opinion that attached to the wall. Garnett had no court could entertain an action planned to imprison Mr. Jones and based upon the constitutionality of Mr. keep him chained until Garnett could knox's coming appointment, for the escape with the money.

stands of the constitutionality of Mr. Knor's coming appointment, for the reason that the first question that would arise in such a proceeding would be whether Mr. Knor's coming appointment, for the facto' official of the government. This question that would arise in such a proceeding would be whether Mr. Knor's was a "de facto' official of the government. This question that the first qu

A dramatic feature to-night was the reading of a cablegram from the missionaries in Shanghai, China, bearing the single words, "The East calls."

one spectator broke 'nto appliause.

Her cross-examination was severe, but she held her own, smiling and calm.

When the Attorney-General read the words.

SOUTH TO HELP TAFT

No Doubt of Good Fellowship.

The jocular remarks of the President and his hearty cordiality in addressing Mr. Taft as "Will," left no doubt in the minds of the observers that to all appearances there exists the heartlest accord and good fellowship between the incomping and the outstamping the next inauguration day a "the dawn of a day of promise" for the South, and urging chambers of commerce of other Southern cities and towns to co-operate with Mr. Taft's purpose to inform himself of the view of any locality without regard to partial as to applicants for office, as well as to local sentiment regarding national policies.

The resolutions attribute to the ship between the incoming and the out-going President. No development whatever had taker

place regarding his Cabinet to-day, said Mr. Taft. He regarded as his impor-tant accomplishments the settlement of the Knox case and the completion of The resolutions attribute to the "referee" system responsibility for so many unfit appointments to Federal offices in the South.

SECRETS COME OUT

the Knox case and the completion of the canal report.

Mr. Taft explained that the report was intended to give a general and comprehensive idea of the canal situation. In accordance with a request to the board of engineers, they are to make a supplemental report later to Colonel Goethals, which will deal with a number of purely technical engineering questions, such as the amount of cement to be used in various lock constructions, the lock machinery and such matters. It was scated upon au-Committee Fluis Manner of Brokers in Hypothecating Securities.

NEW YORK, February 16, Information regarding the alleged practices of prokers in hypothecating the securities of clients was obtained to-day by such matters. It was stated upon au thority that President Roosevelt heart thority that President Roosevell neart-ily approves the report.

Mrs. Taft will take an early train for New York to-morrow, and Mr. Taft will leave in the afternoon for Cincinnati.

brokers in hypothecating the securities of clients was obtained to-day by the Governor's committee investigating the various exchanges in this city. The committee had as its principal witness to-day Louis Werner, receiver of the late firm of Coster, Knapp & Co., who told of the hypothecation of securities of clients without their knowledge and consent, and at a time when the firm was falling.

The methods of stock exchanges here and abroad will be developed before the committee next Thursday, when Thomas F. Woodlock, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, who is familiar with the gractices on exchanges here and in foreign capitals, will appear as a witness. The committee will probably hear other exchange experts and then take up the consideration of answers which have been made by officials of the New York Stock Exchange to the prepared questions submitted by the committee.

NEW BILL INTRODUCED

Ship Subsidy Measure Differs From 1ts Predecessors.

WASHINGTON. D. C.. February 16.—
A shirp subsidy bill, differing somewhat from previous measures, was introduced to-day by Representative Green, of Massachusetts, chairman of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. The measure is based on Senator Hanna's bill, introduced in 1598, and on the subsequent bills of Senator Frye and Representatives Payne and Grosvenor, but differs from these in that it does not prescribe a ten-year contractual obligation on the part of the government for a subsidy or a bounty.

Meath if the editor referred to him death if the editor referred to him a death if the editor referred to him a subside and the middle of the window the work of the subsequent of the subsequent of the thing of the containing the editorial which led to the killing, and which referred to coll cooper as "the diplomat of the Zwethund". Craig said he did not know whether Carmack ever received the note that Col. Cooper declared he entered the whole was killed early in the extended and the was killed early in the extended by a deflect of the house probably for the raise appropriation. God knows, was a concepted by a deflect of the house probably for the raise appropriation, especially when the whole in each of the whole in a proposal for the whole and the whole

Would-Be Robber! Overpowered by Kansas City Merchant. KANSAS CITY, MO., February 16.— Anned with a revolver in any ON WITNESS STAND

Sobbing and Hysterical, She Tries to Tell of Her Husband's Death.

FIRST DAY OF TRIAL FULL OF SENSATIONS

Coopers Seeking to Establish Self. Defense in Killing of Carmack.

Mrs. Eastman, Who Was With Senator at Time of Murder, Gives Graphic Recital

N ASHVILLE, TENN., February 16.
—Filled with dramatic incidents and marked by scenes that bordered on the sensational, the first day of the actual trial of the Cooper-Sharp case closed to-night with both sides claiming to be well satisfied with the progress made.

Whether Colonel Duncan B. Cooper.
Robin J. Cooper and John D. Sharp
killed former Senator E. W. Carmack
in self-defense or as a result of a conspiracy is the great issue in the case.
The taking of testimony began to-day
with acceptation of the court.

indictment, as he reached the words "did wilfully maliciously and with malice aforethought, slay and murdet the body of E. W. Carmack," the widow mailee aforethought, siay and murder the body of E. W. Carmack," the widow collapsed, and the eyes of the two daughters of Colonel Cooper, who sat near the defendants, filled with tears. The State called its witnesses and swore them. The defense waived thy privilege with a statement that at the proper time its witnesses would be called and sworn.

"Call the first witness," said the court. Then, to the surprise of every on

called and sworn

Mrs. Carmack."

Carried to Stand. The widow was half carried to the stand by Frank Lander. She told her name and her husband's occupation in a trembling voice. "When did you last see your husband

"When did you last see your husband alive?"

"Oh, God! Oh. God!" she sobbed. "On Sunday, the day before he was killed."

For several moments she was unable to speak, her agitation was so great.
"When did you hear from him last?"

"By talenhops on Monday a little."

"By telephone on Monday, a little while before he was killed." "What was that conversation?"

The defense objected, and was sus-

tained.

The defense declined to cross-examine Mrs. Carmack, and she was led back to her seat.

The State next called E. B. Craig, former State Treasurer. He saw Colonel Cooper the evening of November 8 by appointment.

"After the dismissal of the personal matter which led me to sall or Calonel and the same to sall or Calonel.

"After the dismissal of the personal matter which led me to call on Colonel Cooper the latter began to discuss the editorials in the Tennessean. I soon learned that Colonel Cooper was greatly agitated and very angry. He said: I am an old man, a private citizen, and it makes little difference whether I go or not, but if my name appears again in the Tennessean, either I or Senator Carmack must die. He said he had written Carmack a note that could not

Carmack must die. He said he had written Carmack a note that could not be misunderstood."
"I told Mr. Carmack what Cooper had said. I then returned to see Col. Cooper and told him of reverrand. I said, 'Colonel, I can accomplish noth-ing.'"

What reply did the defendant

make He said. Then, by God, this note

The note referred to was the only one written by Col. Cooper to Senator Carmack, threatening the latter with death if the editor referred to him again.
The court refused to permit the wit-